Patent Application No. 09/977,734

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

In the Office Action dated October 7, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 152-153 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant has cancelled claims 152-153.

The Examiner also allowed claims 1-151, and Applicant agrees to the allowance of those claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been traversed. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

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